

**MARVEL
NOW!**



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**JOIN THE
REVOLUTION**

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Q: I'm hungry. What should I have for a healthy snack?
A: DON'T EAT! Read A+X instead!
Q: I don't know—I was thinking about celery sticks with peanut butter on top, maybe?
A: That actually sounds PRETTY GOOD! But how about this SUPER HERO SANDWICH? Take one AVENGER, add one X-MAN, and TOSS them in a STICKY SITUATION.
Q: Sounds more like a gross salad than a sandwich, but I'm intrigued. What kind of flavors are we talking about?
A: How about CAJUN with a HIGH MINERAL CONTENT? THE THING, the Fantastic Four's punch-throwing pilot with ROCK-LIKE SKIN is mixing it up with GAMBIT, the X-Men's SUPER-THIEF who can excite molecules in objects until they EXPLODE!
Q: Okay, I'm on board! I'll just—
A: HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! A+X is a SMÖRGÅSBORD, not a SUPERMARKET SAMPLE. We're also serving a mélange of WOLVERINE, the mutant with a crazy HEALING FACTOR and ADAMANTIUM CLAWS, and all-around SUPER-lady CAPTAIN MARVEL.
Q: Hmm...I wonder if I'll be confused. Did Captain Marvel figure out that thing with her brain yet?
A: Do you have to meet the COW to enjoy the NACHO CHEESE?! Just READ.
Q: Wait a minute—does the comic taste like cheese?
A: There's only ONE WAY to FIND OUT.



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"CAVEMEN
VERSUS ASTRONAUTS"?
WHERE DID YOU HEAR
THAT ONE, CAROL?

"ANGEL."

THE HELL
IS "ANGEL?"

TV SERIES.
VAMPIRE
DETECTIVE.

AND THIS IS
THE KIND OF CRAP
THEY DISCUSSED?
WHO BEATS WHO
IN A FIGHT?

YEAH.
SOMETIMES.

WELL, IT'S
STUPID. SO YOU
GONNA FOLD OR
WHAT?

I'M
THINKING
IT OVER,
LOGAN.





SO...THE
ASTRONAUTS...
THEY ARMED?

WHY NOT?

WELL,
THEN THE
FIGHT'S OVER,
ISN'T IT.

NO.



NOT
NECESSARILY.
FIGHT'S MIND
AGAINST MIND. NOT
WEAPON AGAINST
WEAPON.



IS THAT
RIGHT?

I
DUNNO THAT
I AGREE.

I SAID
IT. SO OF
COURSE IT'S
RIGHT.

OF
COURSE YA
DON'T.



AND WHAT'S
THAT SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

RAISING
ANOTHER TEN,
BY THE WAY.



SEE YOU
AND RAISE
FIFTY. JUST 'CAUSE
I'M GETTIN'
BORED.

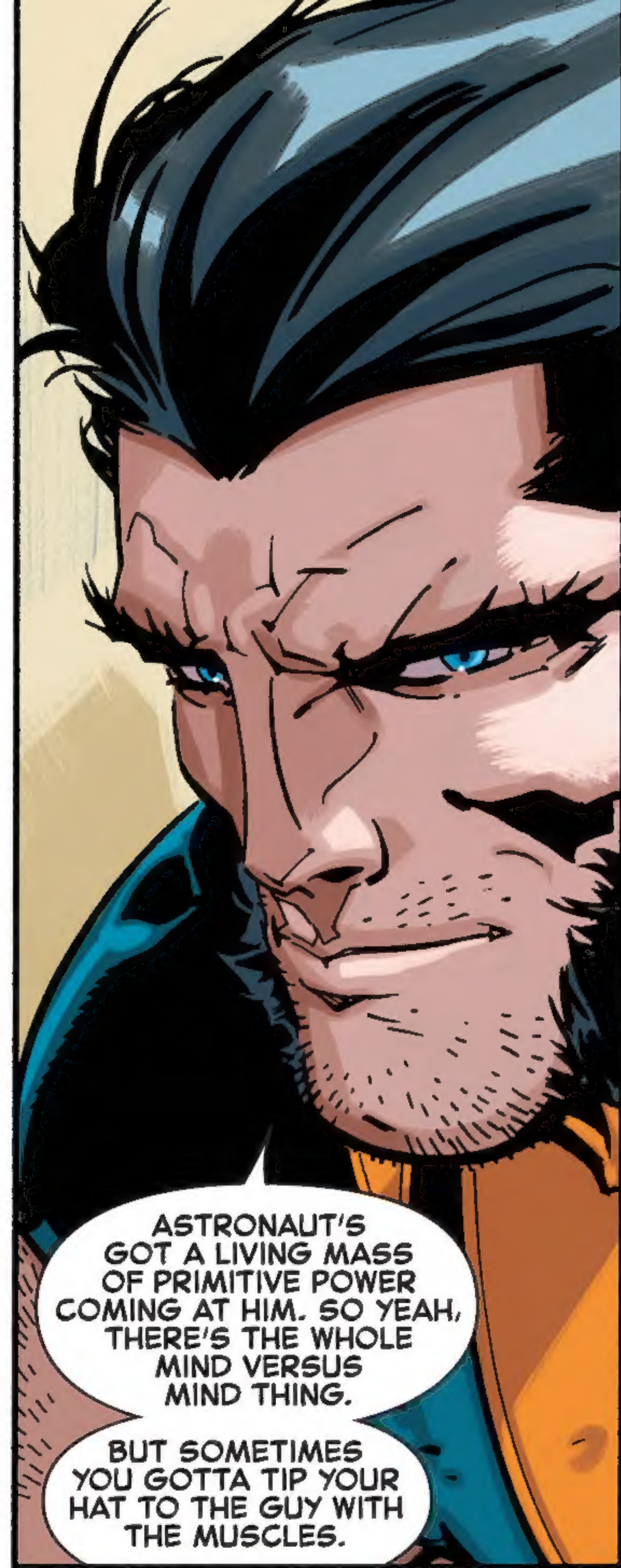


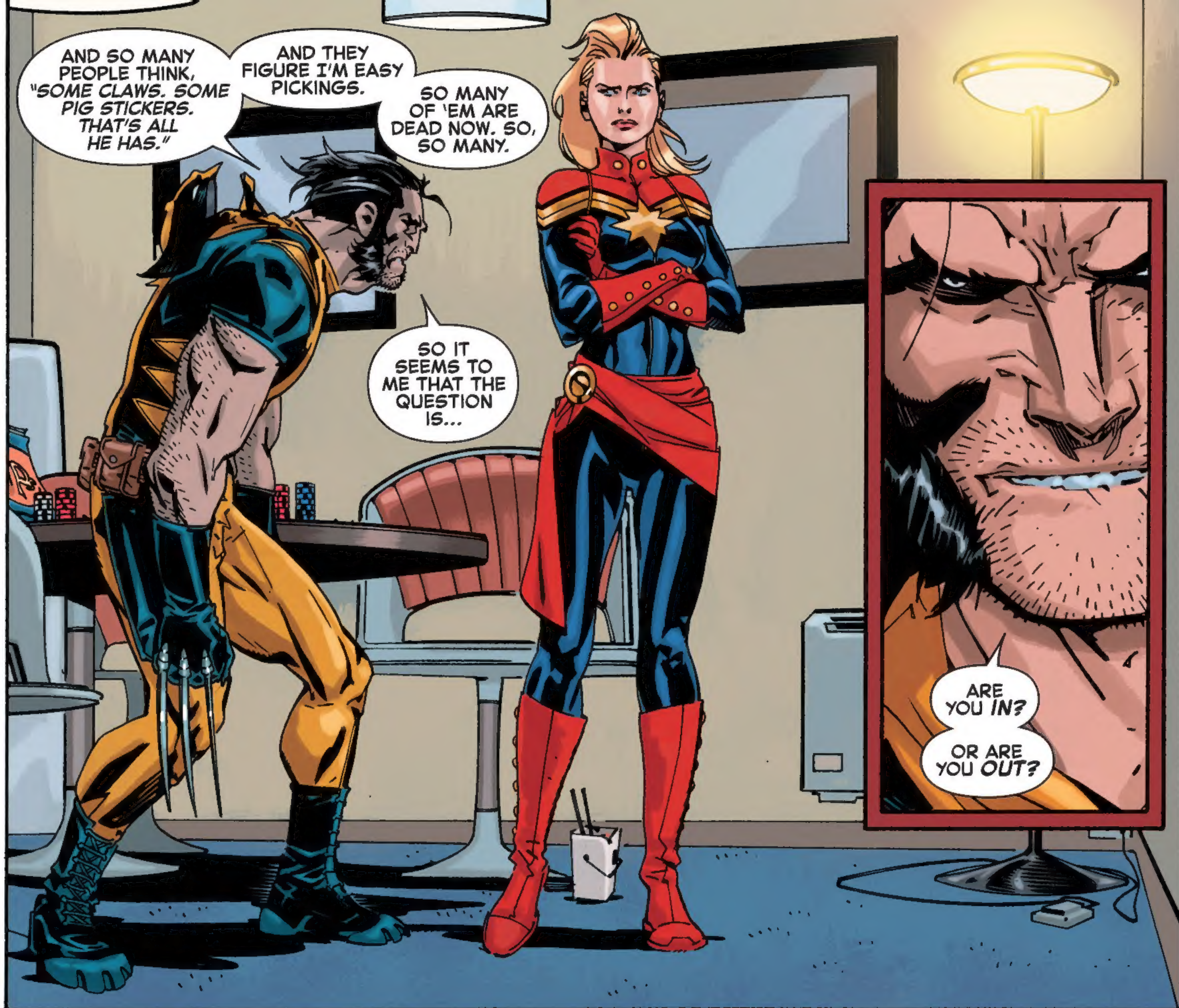
LOOK, ALL I'M
SAYING, **CAPTAIN
MARVEL**, IS THAT YA
TEND TO BE A LITTLE...
WHAT'S THE
WORD--?

STUBBORN,
I WAS GONNA
SAY.

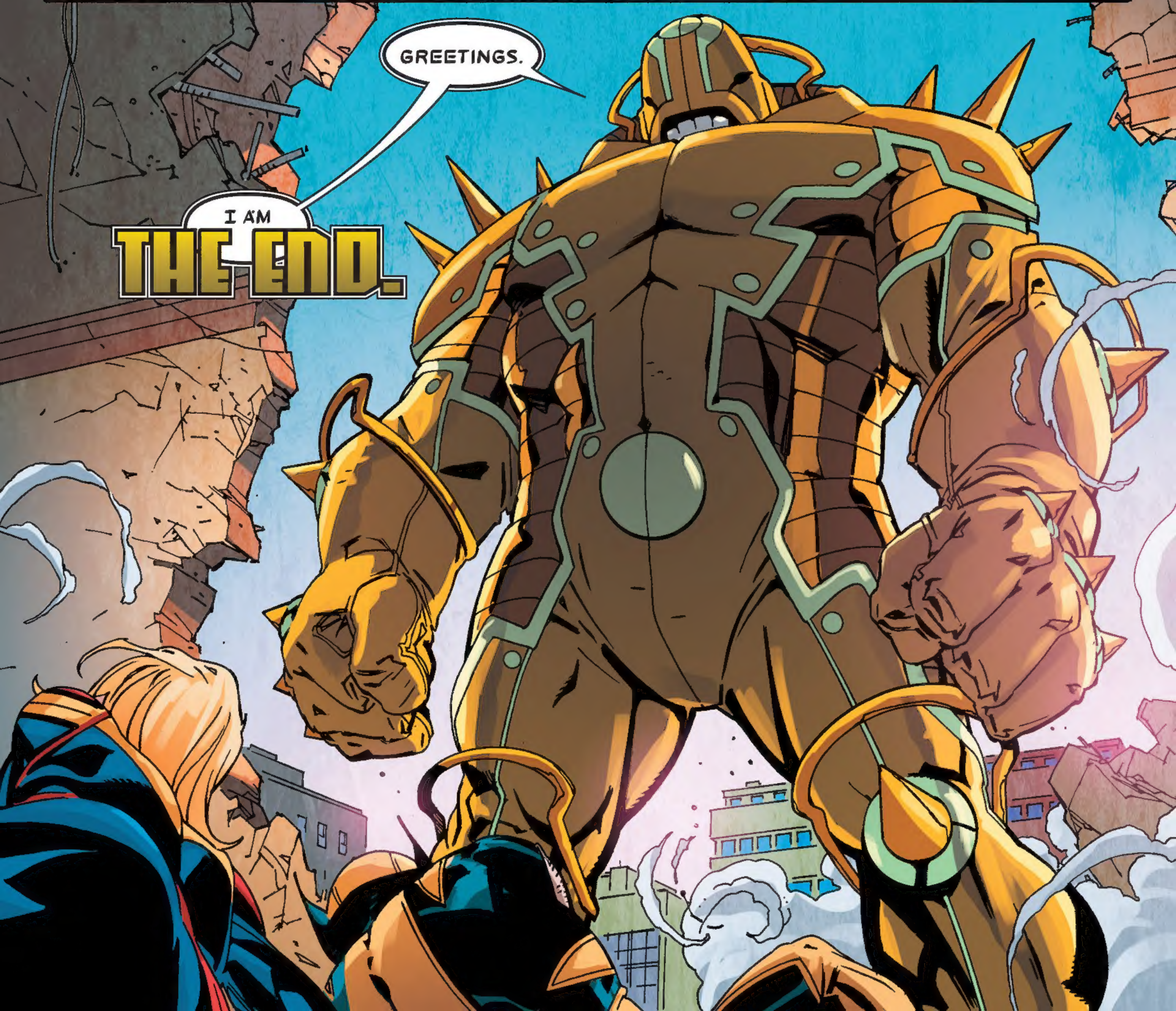
DETERMINED?
GUTSY?
COURAGEOUS?

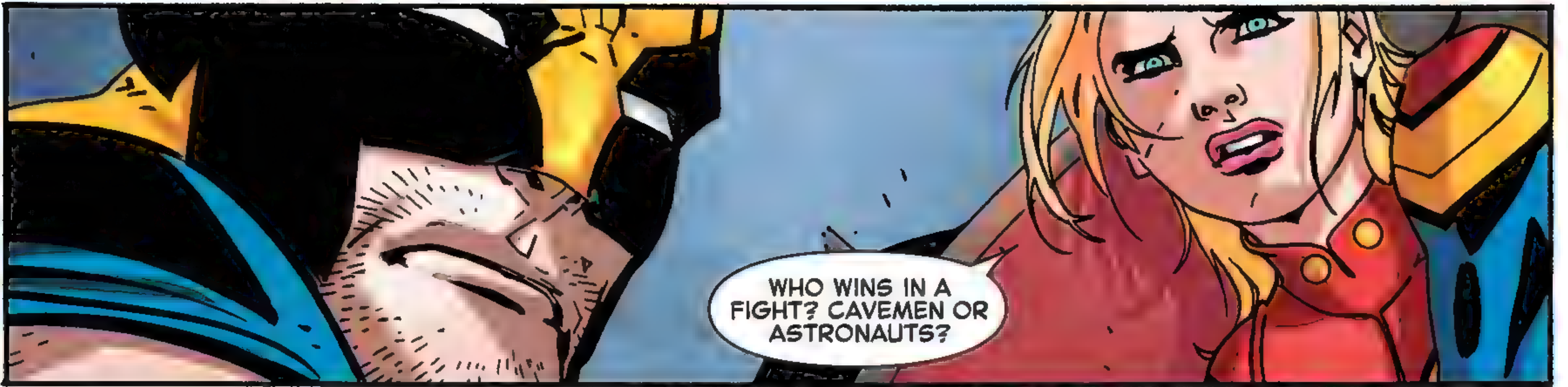
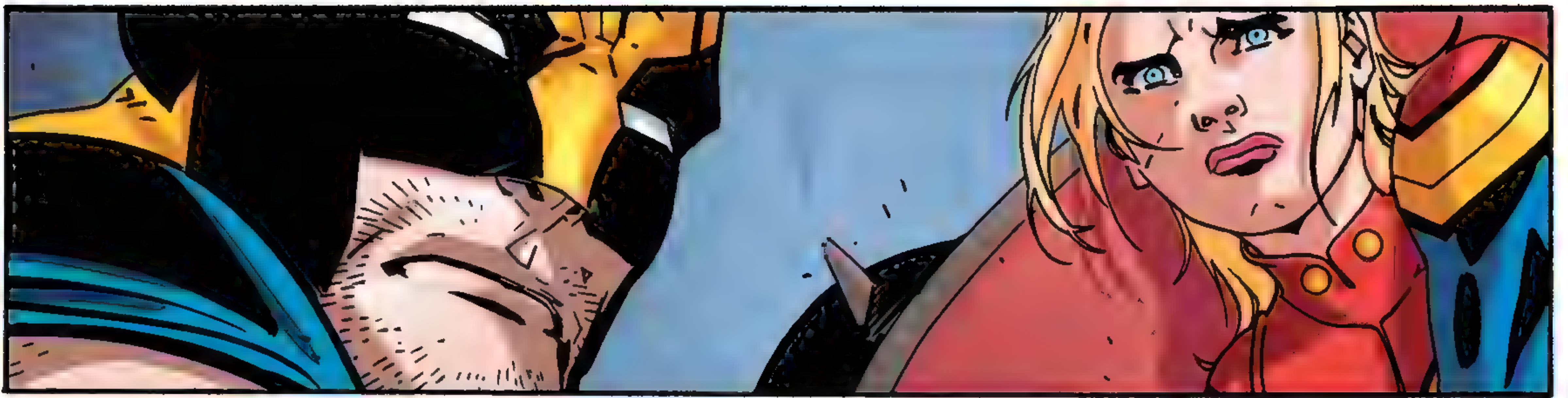












WHO WINS IN A
FIGHT? CAVEMEN OR
ASTRONAUTS?



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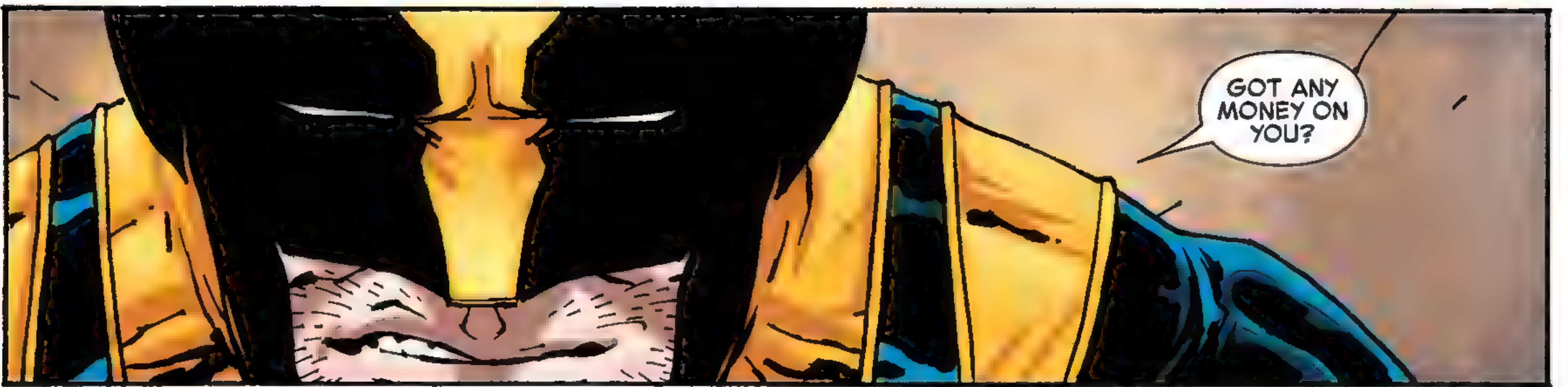
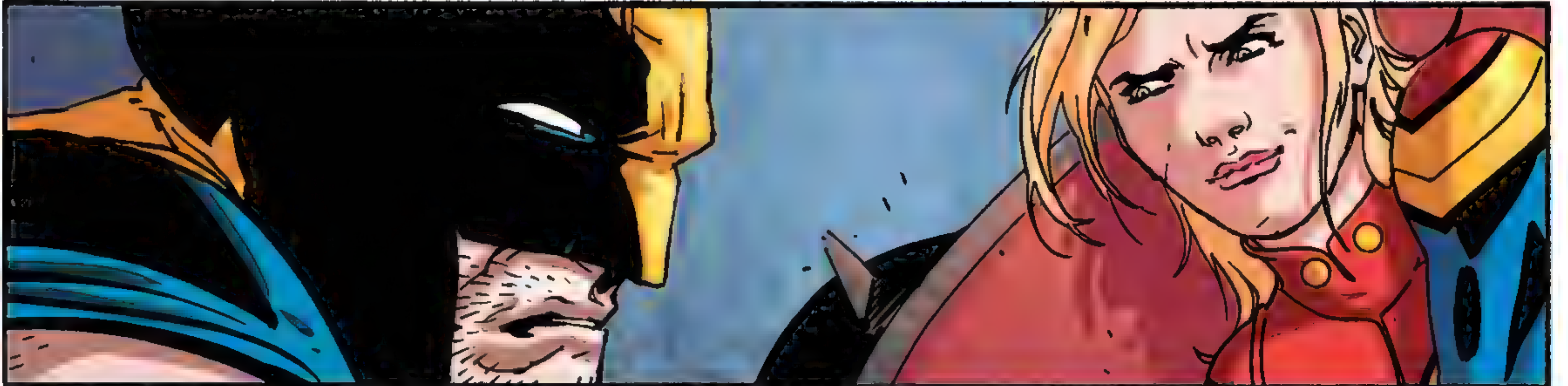


ASTRONAUTS.
WE'VE ALREADY
SEEN IT.

IN THE
FIRST "PLANET
OF THE APES"
MOVIE.

TAYLOR
THE ASTRONAUT
WAS IN A CAGE WITH
PRIMITIVE HUMANS.
A FIGHT BROKE
OUT AND HE
BEAT THEM.

ASTRONAUTS
BEAT CAVEMEN.
END OF STORY.



GOT ANY
MONEY ON
YOU?



IT WAS FROM OVER HERE!

ARE YOU SURE?

POSITIVE!



AND THREE CARDS TO THE GENTLEMAN.



IF I'M GOING TO KEEP COMING HERE, WE'RE GOING TO NEED BIGGER CARDS.

THESE ARE DIFFICULT TO HOLD.

I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

WE GONNA CHAT OR ARE WE GONNA PLAY? I'M IN FOR TWENTY. CAROL? YOU GONNA FOLD OR WHAT?

DON'T RUSH ME.

THE END.

I'M GLAD YA
PUNKS FINALLY
AGREED TO THIS.
IT'S A GAME OF
WITS. THAT'S THE
BEAUTIFUL
THING.



YOU PLAY
THE CARDS,
SURE. BUT THAT'S
JUST MATH. YOU
ALSO GOTTA PLAY
THE MAN. THAT'S
A GAME OF
SUBTLETY.



YA GOTTA
LOOK INTO MY
BABY BLUES.
READ THE SUBTLE
EXPRESSIONS ON
MY FACE...



THE THING

COSMIC RAYS GAVE HIM SUPER-
STRENGTH AND ROCKY SKIN!

YEAH,
RIGHT. THE
ONLY EXPRESSION
YOU'VE GOT IS
UGLY.

HARDY
HAR HAR. THAT'S
LAME EVEN FOR YOU
GUYS. YOU'RE GONNA
HAVE TO BE SHARPER
THAN THAT TO BEAT
ME.

THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE
THE THING TOOK OFF WITH THE REST OF
THE FF IN FANTASTIC FOUR #1! -NL



BACK IN MY DAY, JUST BEING TOUGH WASN'T ENOUGH TO GET INTO THE YANCY STREET GANG. YOU ALSO HAD TO BE SMART. WE'LL SEE IF THAT'S STILL THE CASE TODAY.



SO AM I THE BIG BLIND OR...

"BIG BLIND"? WE AIN'T ON TV, PETEY, SO WE AIN'T PLAYIN' HOLD 'EM. WE'RE IN NEW YORK. WE'RE PLAYING STUD.



EVERYBODY ANTES UP. HIGH CARD TAKES IT IN.



KNOCK

DEALER STARTS--
HANG ON ONE SECOND. WE GOT ANOTHER PLAYER TO DEAL IN.

YOU
SAID IT WAS
A "FRIENDLY"
GAME.

WELL, I JUST
MADE A NEW FRIEND
YESTERDAY, AND I ASKED
HIM IF HE COULD SIT
IN ON OUR SIDE.

YA GOTTA
BE KIDDIN'
ME.

BEN:
LONG TIME, NO
SEE, EH?

WHAT, YOU
GUYS KNOW EACH
OTHER?

GAMBIT

MUTANT THIEF WHO CAN CHARGE AND
EXPLODE OBJECTS WITH A TOUCH!

COUPLE O' MONTHS AGO

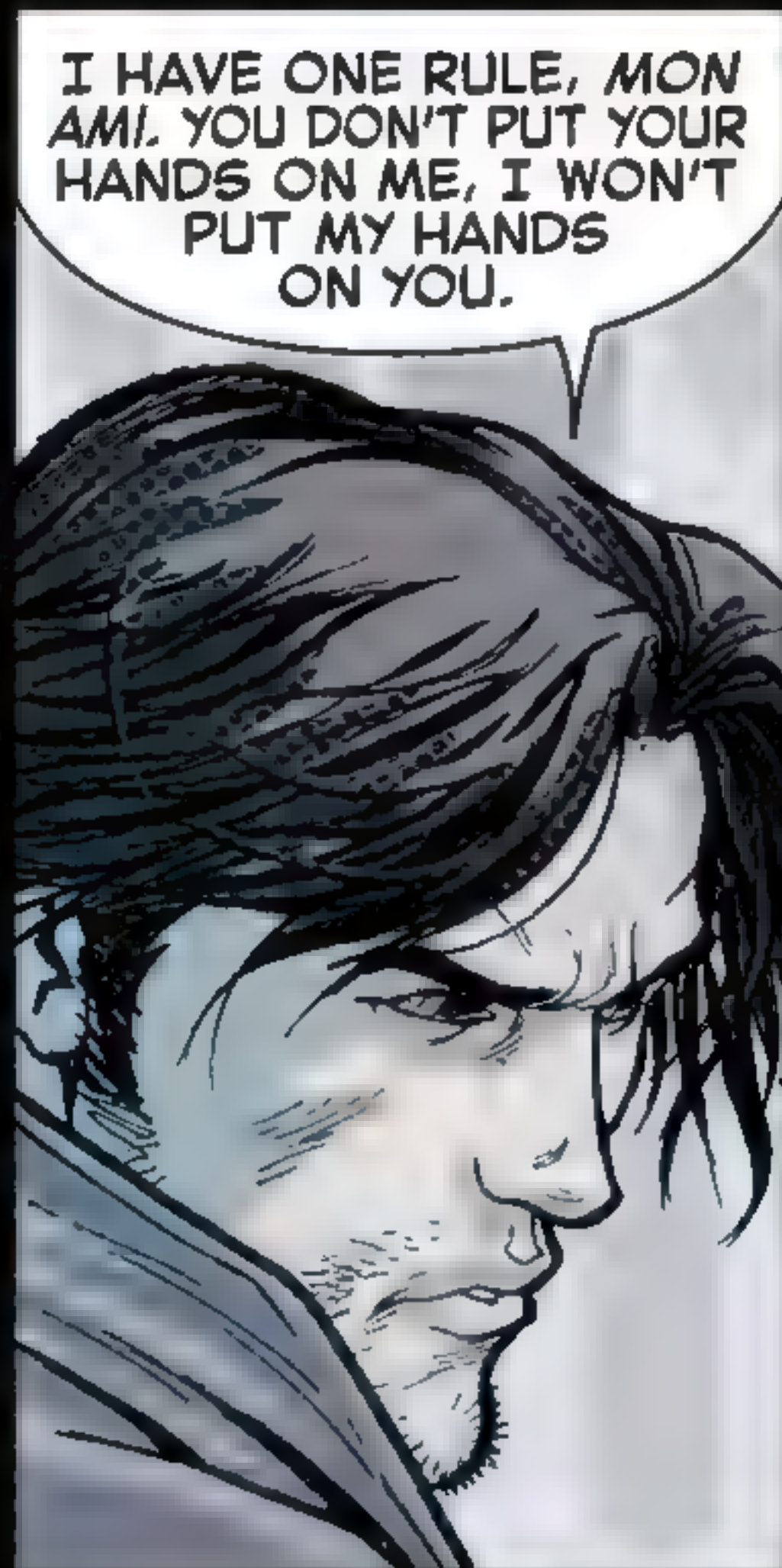
STOP HIM!
HE ROBBED
ME!



WHOA,
HANG ON THERE,
PARTNER.



I HAVE ONE RULE, MON
AMI. YOU DON'T PUT YOUR
HANDS ON ME, I WON'T
PUT MY HANDS
ON YOU.



THAT'S
CUTE, PAL.
ALMOST AS
CUTE AS YOUR
HAIRCUT.



OR THESE CUTE
BEADS, NO?



OKAY,
THEN.







SAME THING
SUPER HEROES
ALWAYS FIGHT ABOUT:
A MISUNDERSTANDING.
BUT WE CLEARED
IT UP.



CLEARED UP NOTHIN'! IF YOU THINK I'M
GONNA LET YOU BEAT ME AGAIN, YOU
WORE THAT WEIRD OLD HEAD-
SOCK TOO TIGHT.

YOU'RE ON
MY TURF NOW.
AIN'T GOT A
CHANCE.



I DON'T
KNOW, MAN. THIS
GUY LITERALLY CARRIES
CARDS IN HIS
POCKETS.



I KNOW HE DOES, TONY. AND I SAW HIM
TRY TO COLD-DECK ME JUST NOW. YOU'RE
OUR DEALER FOR THIS GAME. HE DON'T
TOUCH THAT DECK AGAIN.



I GOT
MY EYE ON YOU.
NO SCAMS.



IMPRESSIVE
THAT YOU SAW
ME SWITCH THE
DECKS.

HEY, I GREW
UP ON YANCY
STREET. I WAS
BASICALLY RAISED
BY CARD HUSTLERS
AND THIEVES.

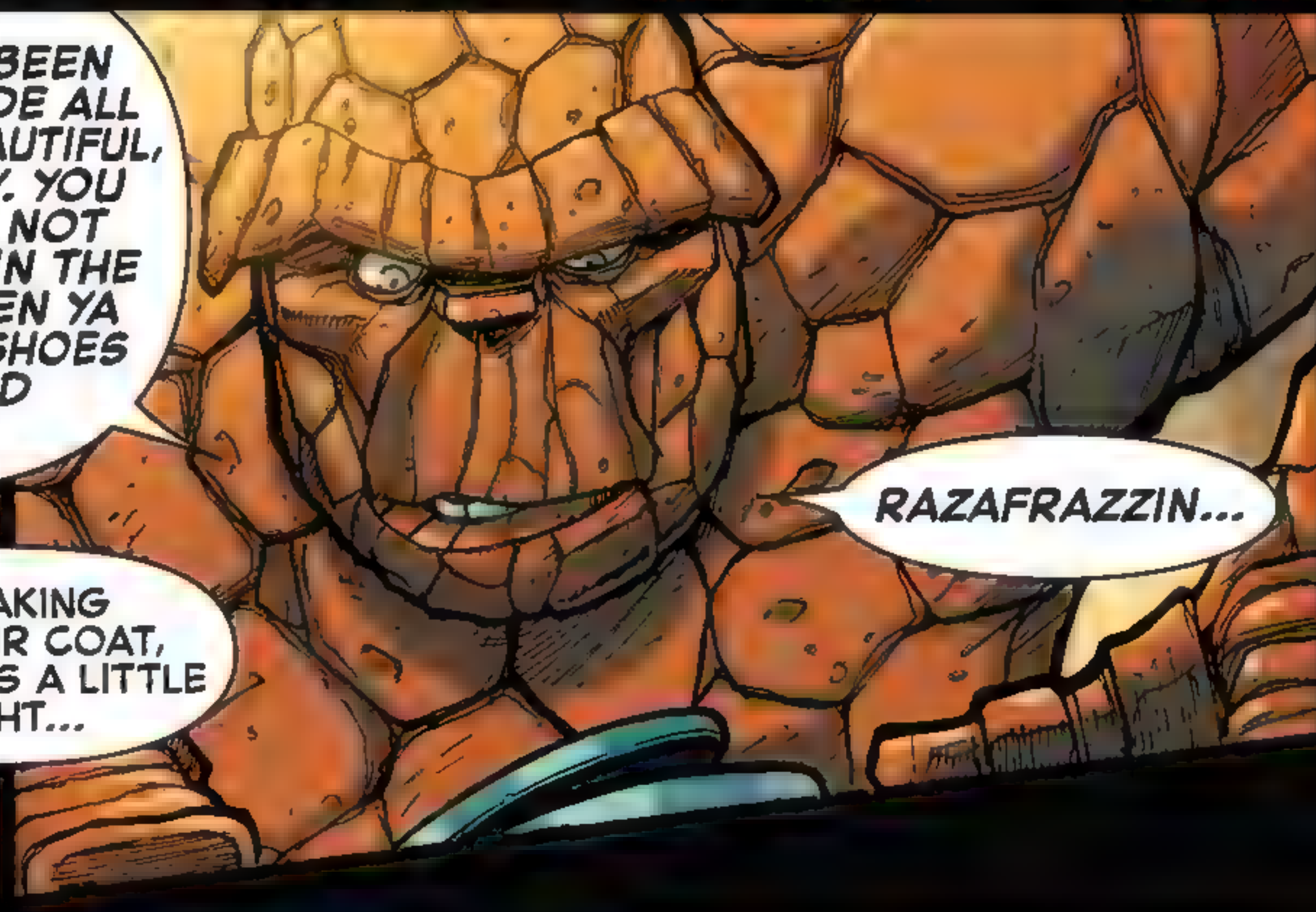


INTERESTING
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT.
BECAUSE I ACTUALLY
WAS RAISED BY THIEVES.
ON THE STREETS OF NEW
ORLEANS. WHICH, DESPITE
THE NICKNAME, ARE
NOT EASY.

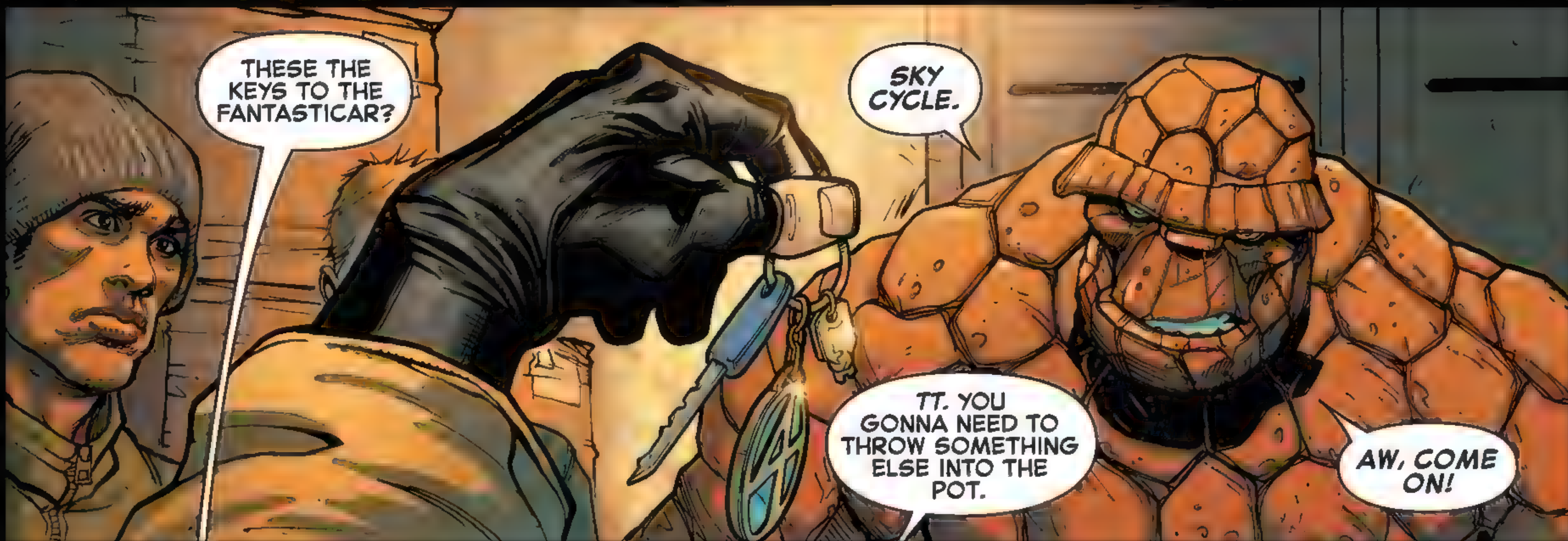


YEAH, MUSTA BEEN
ROUGH, OUTSIDE ALL
THE TIME IN A BEAUTIFUL,
TROPICAL CITY. YOU
KNOW WHAT'S NOT
EASY? WINTER IN THE
BIG APPLE WHEN YA
CAN'T AFFORD SHOES
OR A GOOD
COAT...

SPEAKING
OF YOUR COAT,
THE POT'S A LITTLE
LIGHT...



RAZAFRAZZIN...



THESE THE
KEYS TO THE
FANTASTICAR?

SKY
CYCLE.

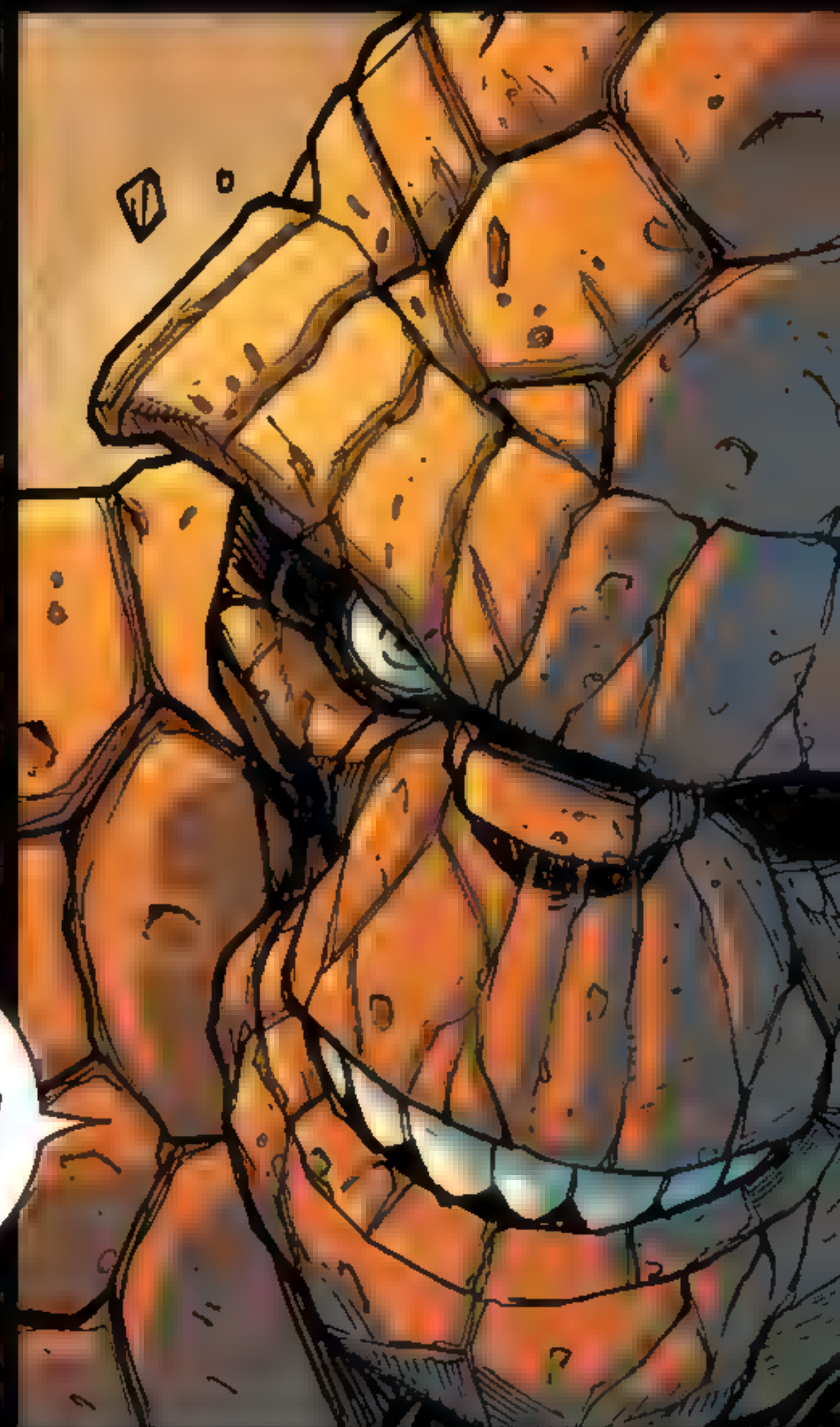
TT. YOU
GONNA NEED TO
THROW SOMETHING
ELSE INTO THE
POT.

AW, COME
ON!



WELL, I
GUESS THAT'S
THAT...

AW, THIS AIN'T
FAIR! YOU'RE A
CHEATER! AND YOU
GUYS CAN'T BRING
IN A RINGER
LIKE THIS!

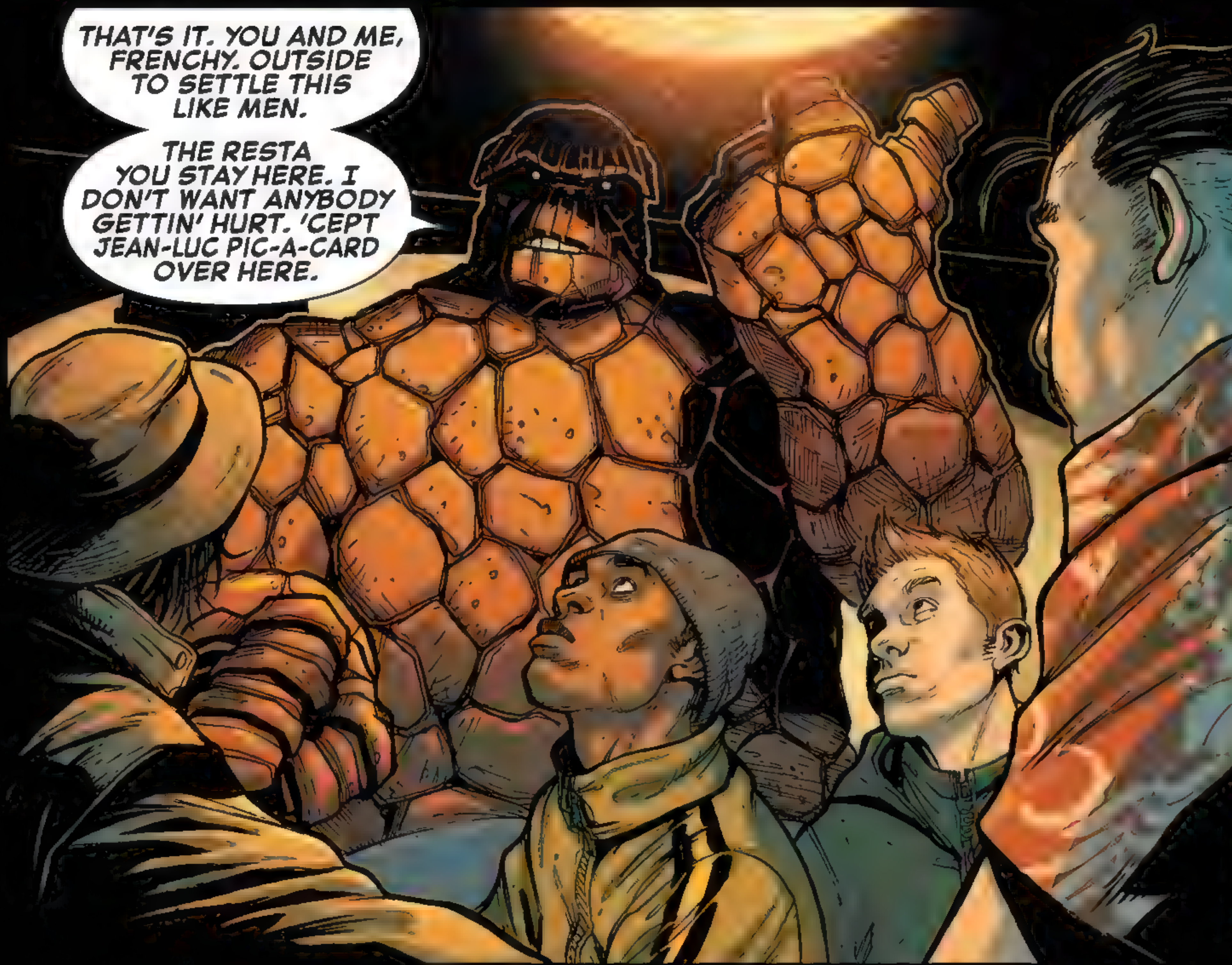


"FAIR"? YOUR POKER FACE
IS LITERALLY A ROCK! WE
DID WHAT WE HAD TO
DO TO WIN.

FACE IT,
MAN. IT'S A
BATTLE OF WITS...
AND WE
WON.

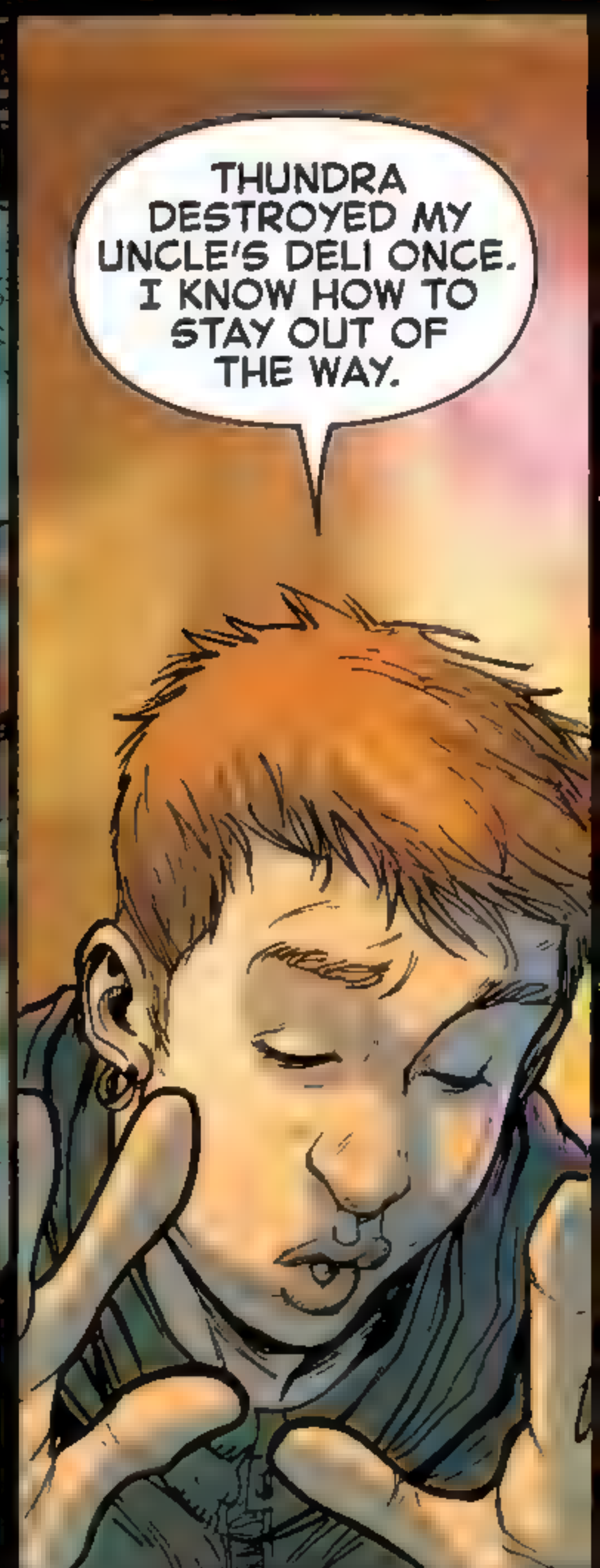


NE VANTEZ PAS.
THERE'S NO GLORY
IN DEFEATING
AN UNARMED
OPPONENT.

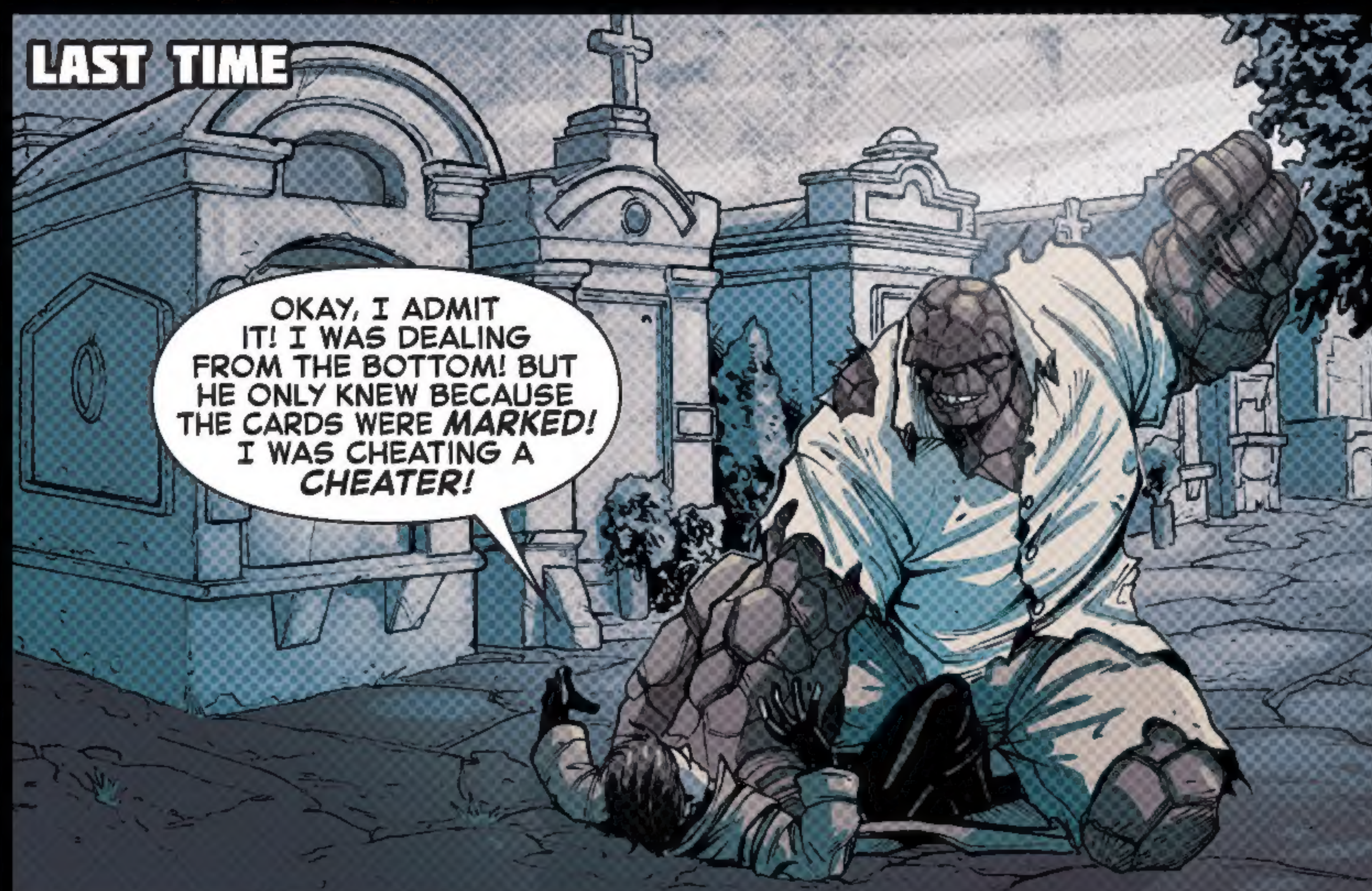


THAT'S IT. YOU AND ME,
FRENCHY. OUTSIDE
TO SETTLE THIS
LIKE MEN.

THE RESTA
YOU STAY HERE. I
DON'T WANT ANYBODY
GETTIN' HURT. 'CEPT
JEAN-LUC PIC-A-CARD
OVER HERE.



THUNDRA
DESTROYED MY
UNCLE'S DELI ONCE.
I KNOW HOW TO
STAY OUT OF
THE WAY.





SO YOU KNOW HOW TO RUN CARD SCAMS, HUH?

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHIN'. YOU EVER MAKE IT UP TO NEW YORK?



HEY, WHERE'D YOU MEET THAT GUY AGAIN?

HE WAS RUNNING A THREE-CARD MONTY GAME OUT IN FRONT OF THE YOUTH CENTER. I SAW HIM AND THOUGHT, "HE'D BE PERFECT."



SEEMS KINDA LIKE A WEIRD COINCIDENCE THOUGH, DON'T IT? WITH HIM AND THE THING KNOWN' EACH OTHER...

HEY, DID HE TAKE ALL THE WINNINGS WITH HIM?!

"NOT BAD, PARTNER."



YOU GOT SOME SKILLS AT THE CARD SCAMS YOURSELF.

I WARNED 'EM. GAME OF WITS.

SHOULD'N'T I BE DRIVING? I DID WIN THE KEYS...

SHADDUP.

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE:

IRON MAN

+

THE BEAST

AND

THE MIGHTY THOR

+

ICEMAN



ZONE